

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to fund up to £166,798.88 of Section 106 “Sports” and “Education” monies for works to create a New Grass Sports Field at Fairfield High School, Peterchurch.
Date of decision:	24 September 2026
Decision maker:	Service Director Education, Skills & Learning
Authority for delegated decision:	Economy and Environment scheme of delegation line 71 Corporate Centre Directorate Scheme of Delegation line 159 Cabinet decision dated 02 March 2023 - Section 106 Portfolio of Works – S106 Delivery Proposals. Cabinet Report 02 March 2023
Ward:	Golden Valley North
Consultation:	Internal consultation with Ruth Jackson (Open Space Planning Officer), Quentin Mee (Head of Educational Development) Will Merriman (Sufficiency Planning and Capital Investment Manager) and Sarah Buffrey (Schools Organisation and Capital Investment Officer). Internal consultation with Local Ward Member, Cllr Philip Price. External consultation with Paul Jennings (Headteacher) and Nicki Emmet (Director of Finance and Administration) at Fairfield High School, Peterchurch.
Decision made:	Decision to fund up to £166,798.88 of Section 106 “Sports” and “Education” monies for works to create a New Grass Sports Field at Fairfield High School, Peterchurch.
Reasons for decision:	Herefordshire Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Assessment, Strategy and Recommendations 2023 (PPOS) identifies that there is an identified shortfall in adult football pitches in the Golden Valley area to meet the needs of the existing clubs. The Herefordshire Football Association has confirmed that since the 2023 PPOS assessment the need has increased, and that a new facility would support several local teams as well as school usage. The HFA believe that the following clubs would benefit: • Toros FC • Ewyas Harold • Dorstone • Madley • Dore Valley • Kingstone The new facility would provide a venue in the locality for both the Wildcats Women’s and Girls Football Teams (which is priority for the HFA in developing the women’s game) and caters for ages 4 – 11 and for the Comets Disability Football teams which caters for ages 5 -11 within the area. This would allow some to play football for the first time and others to have additional football from their grassroots clubs. The aim is to create football opportunities, and the GAP Analysis shows that not only do we lack numbers for those age group but also lack numbers in and

	around Peterchurch. The project proposed by Fairfield High School is to develop the agricultural land adjacent to the school (V3 field in the school ownership) into a sports football pitch for both school and community use with associated ancillary facilities. The project will be funded from several Section 106 legal agreements: <table><tr><th>Planning Ref</th><th>GT / FIN Code</th><th>Contribution</th><th>Expiry Date</th></tr><tr><td>P201441/O</td><td>GT04 / FIN2571</td><td>£60,051.46</td><td>16/09/2030</td></tr><tr><td>S122604/O</td><td>GT05 / FIN1548</td><td>£23,419.71</td><td>18/03/2027</td></tr><tr><td>DS080058/O</td><td>GT05 / FIN1706</td><td>£5,179.00</td><td>29/03/2028</td></tr><tr><td>P201441/O</td><td>GT05 / FIN2571</td><td>£78,148.71</td><td>16/09/2030</td></tr></table> The school undertook the tender and contract award process. Based upon the tender returns and evaluation, the contract was awarded to HG Edwards. Responsibility for monitoring the project and managing expenditure within the total spend budget is to be with the S106 Delivery Manager.	Planning Ref	GT / FIN Code	Contribution	Expiry Date	P201441/O	GT04 / FIN2571	£60,051.46	16/09/2030	S122604/O	GT05 / FIN1548	£23,419.71	18/03/2027	DS080058/O	GT05 / FIN1706	£5,179.00	29/03/2028	P201441/O	GT05 / FIN2571	£78,148.71	16/09/2030
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Equality Considerations	Equality duty Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows: A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to - a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that we are paying ‘due regard’ in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation.																				
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/considerations:	• Delivery oversight – The project is funded by S106 contribution but works on-site will be managed by Fairfield High School. • Cost variation – Project has an assigned S106 budget, which it cannot exceed. • Unforeseen events/costs – Potential unknowns or unforeseen costs could lead to overspend. The S106 contribution is finite, any overspend would need to be provided through additional means.																				
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Not to fund. This option is not recommended. Alternative projects were considered in conjunction with the school however this project was determined to be the best use of available funds.																				

Details of any declarations of interest made:	None declared.
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Signed..... Date: 24 September 2026

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